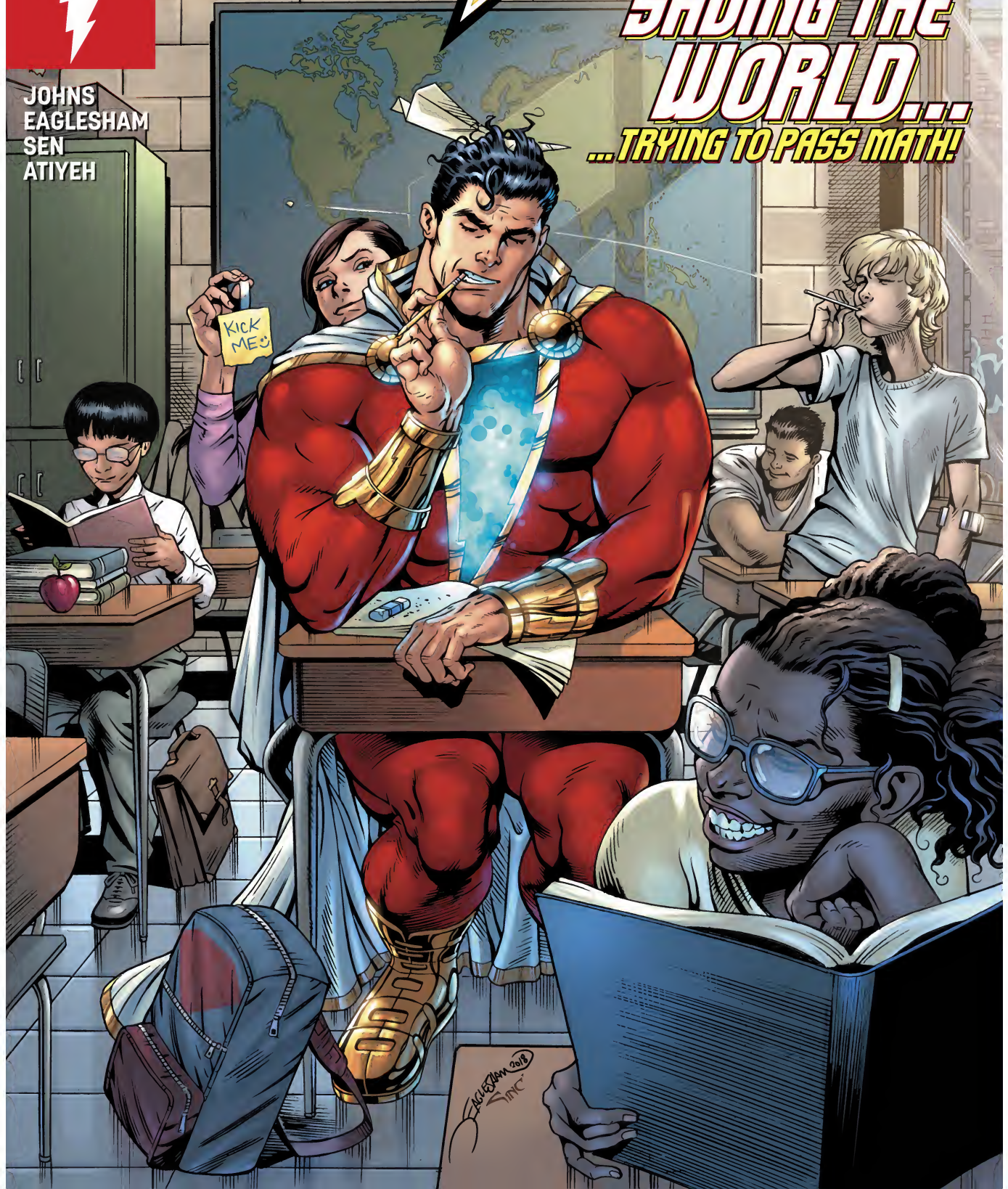


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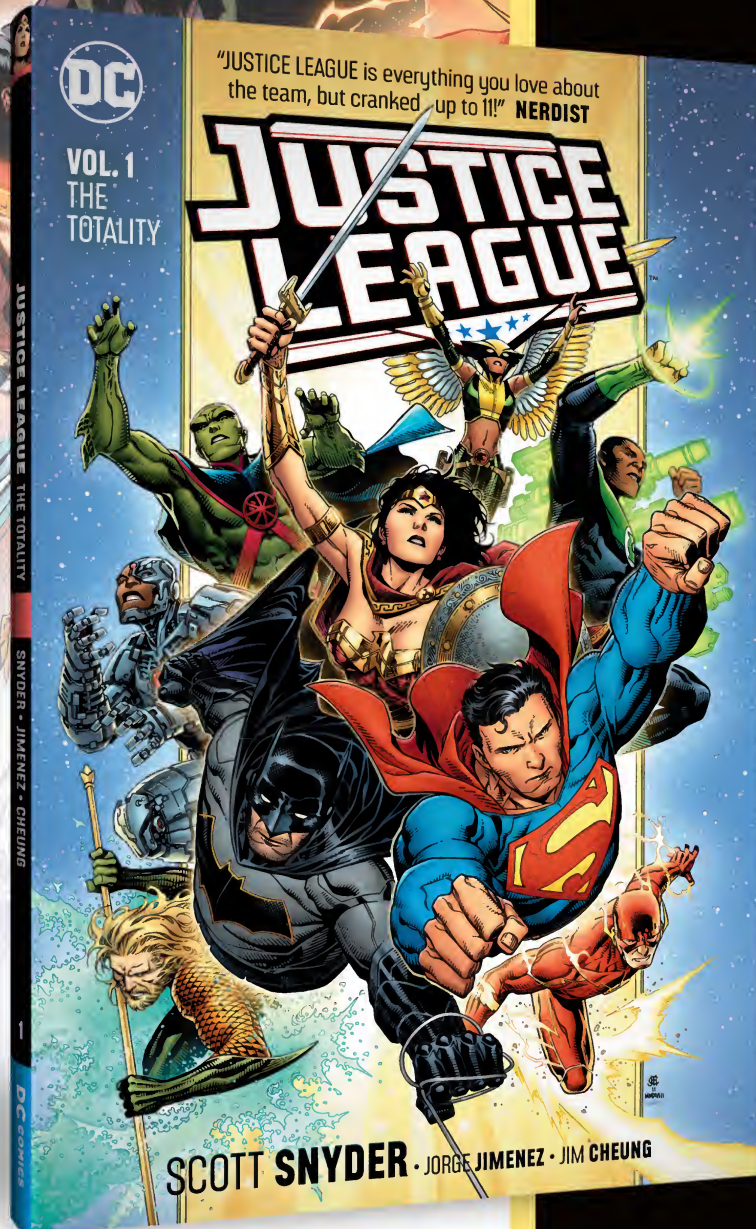
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"CENTURIES AGO, THE ROCK OF ETERNITY WAS IN VIEW FOR ALL TO APPROACH.

"AND ITS DOORS WERE OPEN TO ALL IN NEED.

"ITS GREAT HALLS WERE OVERSEEN BY THE COUNCIL OF ETERNITY--A GROUP OF SEVEN WIZARDS AND SORCERESSES WHO TOOK A VOW TO PROTECT ALL MAGIC!

"UNTIL THE SEVEN SINS WERE FREED BY THE DARK CHAMPION... AND ALL BUT ONE OF THE COUNCIL WERE SLAUGHTERED.

"THE LAST WIZARD CHOSE TO SEAL OFF THE ROCK OF ETERNITY.

"AND AS THE ROCK BECAME HIDDEN FROM THE WORLD... SO, TOO, DID MAGIC.

"UNTIL A CHAMPION WAS NEEDED AGAIN."

HELLO?

IS ANYBODY HERE?

NO.

NO, THIS WILL NEVER WORK.

"THE WIZARD SAW A DELINQUENT BOY BEFORE HIM. A FOSTER CHILD BOUNCING FROM HOME TO HOME. A TROUBLEMAKER, MANY WOULD SAY.

"UNLESS THEY LOOKED DEEPER."

"THE WIZARD PEERED INTO THE BOY'S SOUL AND FOUND A CHILD WHO HAD LOST HIS FAMILY. HIS PARENTS HAD DISAPPEARED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG AND HE PUT UP WALLS TO PROTECT HIS HEART."

"THE WIZARD LOOKED PAST BILLY'S PAIN AND MARVELED AT THE POTENTIAL WITHIN HIM. THE REST OF THE WORLD HAD IGNORED. BILLY DEFENDED THE WEAK FROM BULLIES. HE HELPED THOSE IN NEED DESPITE HIS OWN MISFORTUNES."

SHAZAM! And the SEVEN MAGIC LANDS!

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"THIS IS NO TASK FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU."

"BILLY BATSON PROVED TO BE WORTHY."

"SO WITH HIS FINAL BREATH, THE WIZARD PASSED ON HIS POWERS TO BILLY, DECLARING HIM THE NEW CHAMPION OF MAGIC!"

"BUT BILLY WAS LEFT WITHOUT A MENTOR OR A TEACHER."

"HE WAS FORCED TO DISCOVER HIS POWERS WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE ROCK OF ETERNITY AND ITS SEVEN THRONES."

"THOUGH AT A TIME OF DESPERATION, HE WAS ABLE TO UNLOCK THE MOST POWERFUL SPELL WITHIN HIM... AND SHARE HIS MAGIC WITH THOSE HE LOVED AS FAMILY."

"AND THANKFULLY, BILLY HAD OPENED HIS HEART TO A NEW FAMILY. OF FOSTER BROTHERS AND SISTERS. IT SAVED BILLY'S LIFE AND THE WORLD."

"FOR FAMILY IS THE TRUE POWER OF SHAZAM..."

"AND ITS TRUE WEAKNESS."

TODAY PHILADELPHIA

THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

"WHO, THAT WAS NOT
A WITNESS, COULD
IMAGINE THAT..."

"...MEN WHO CAME FROM
THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF
THE CONTINENT, STRONGLY
DISPOSED TO DESPISE AND
QUARREL WITH EACH OTHER,
WOULD INSTANTLY BECOME
BUT ONE PATRIOTIC BAND
OF BROTHERS."

SO YOU SEE, WITHOUT
GENERAL WASHINGTON'S
COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP,
AMERICA WOULD HAVE
REMAINED DIVIDED.

AMERICA!
WASHINGTON!
BLAH BLAH
BLAH!

THIS IS SO
BORING.

I THINK IT'S
INTERESTING.

WHAT'S
INTERESTING
ABOUT HISTORY,
BILLY?

NOT JUST HISTORY,
THIS IS THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION. BESIDES, WE'RE
GOING TO BE TESTED ON
IT TOMORROW.

AMERICA
WON, I GET IT!
WE BEAT THE
GERMANS!

FREDDY
FREEMAN?

WHAT DID I SAY
ABOUT TALKING
WHILE OUR
GENEROUS GUIDE
WAS GIVING US HIS
PRESENTATION?

YOU TALK AGAIN,
MR. SMARTY-PANTS, AND
YOU'LL SPEND THE REST
OF THE DAY ON THE
BUS.

TO
NOT
DO IT?

OH,
CAN THIS
PLEASE
COUNT?

NOBODY
MOVE!



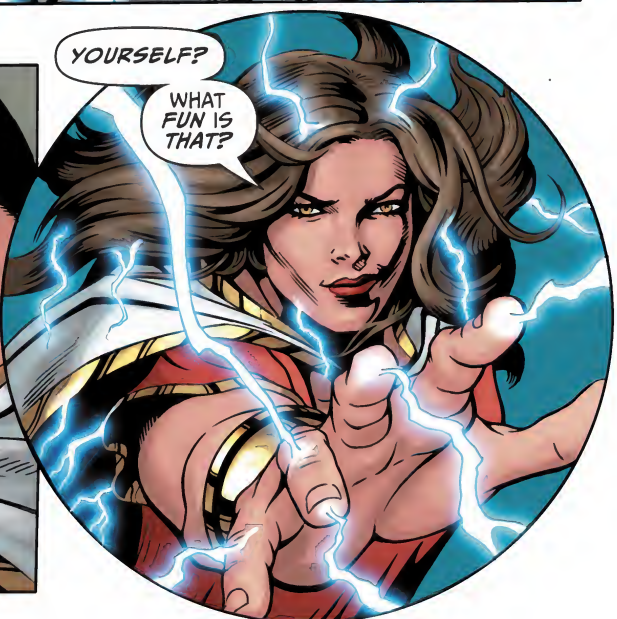
YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TO
GUESS.

I'VE BEEN
HAVING A BIT OF
TROUBLE SAYING
MY NAME
LATELY.











OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH
SELFIES AND AUTOGRAPHS!
EVERYBODY BACK ON
THE BUS!

AND
HAS ANYONE
SEEN **BILLY** OR
FREDDY?

NICE JOB TAKING THESE THUGS DOWN.
THEY'VE BEEN HITTING MUSEUMS
ACROSS THE CITY.



JUST NEED YOUR NAMES
AND SOME INFORMATION
AND WE'LL LET YOU BE
ON YOUR WAY.

Uh...WHICH
ONE OF YOU IS
IN CHARGE?



I AM.



I THOUGHT I WAS
IN CHARGE.

WELL, I'M
OLDER.

I WAS
FIRST.

WHY DON'T
WE TAKE A
VOTE?



I VOTE FOR
MARY!

HEY!

WE
REALLY NEED
CODE-NAMES.

I'M THE **STRONGEST**.
MAYBE I SHOULD BE
LEADER.

I'M THE
CALL OF DUTY
EXPERT. I KNOW
BATTLE
STRATEGIES.

WHEN DID
THIS BECOME A
HIERARCHY?

I REFUSE
TO VOTE!



WHO ARE
THESE GUYS
AGAIN?

I'M STARVING.
LET'S JUST SAY
"**SUPERMAN**"
DID IT.

FAIR
ENOUGH.



KIDS!
DINNER!

WE DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHY BILLY
GOT THESE POWERS,
FREDDY.

TO MAKE
OUR LIFE
AWESOME,
MARY, THAT'S
WHY!

A BUNCH OF POOR
FOSTER KIDS? KARMA
OWES US!

I JUST WANT
SOMETHING I CAN
SAY. HOW ABOUT
CAPTAIN MARV--

HERE
COMES
LASAGNA!

AND WITH
GREAT POWER COMES
SHARED RESPONSIBILITY!
SO I'LL COME UP WITH THE
CODE NAMES!



FAMILY
DINNER!

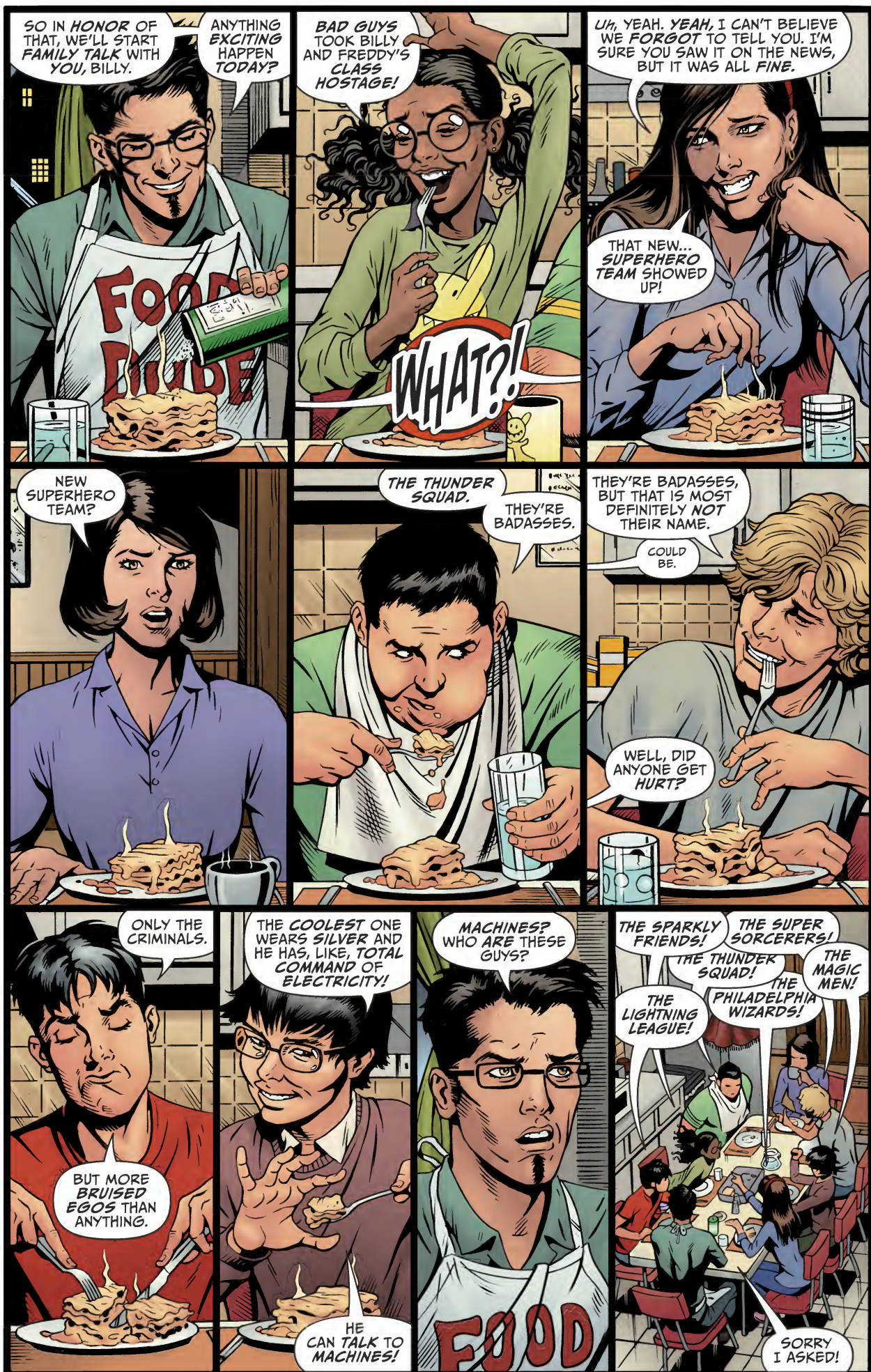


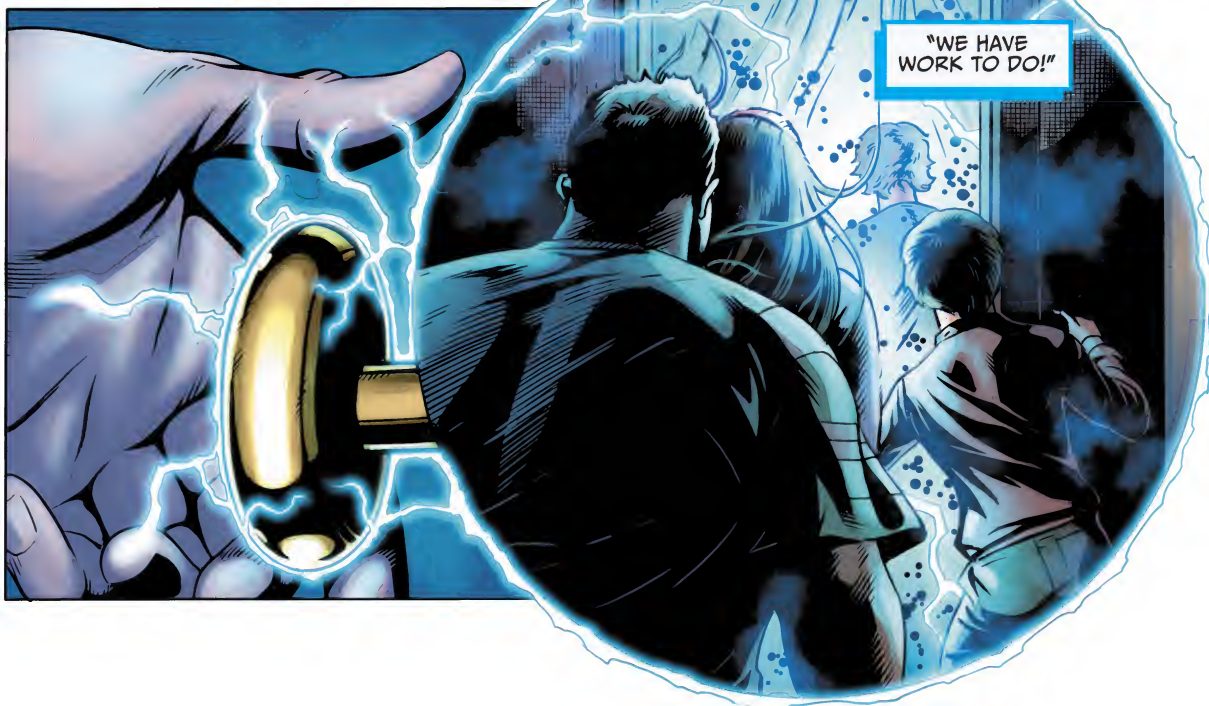
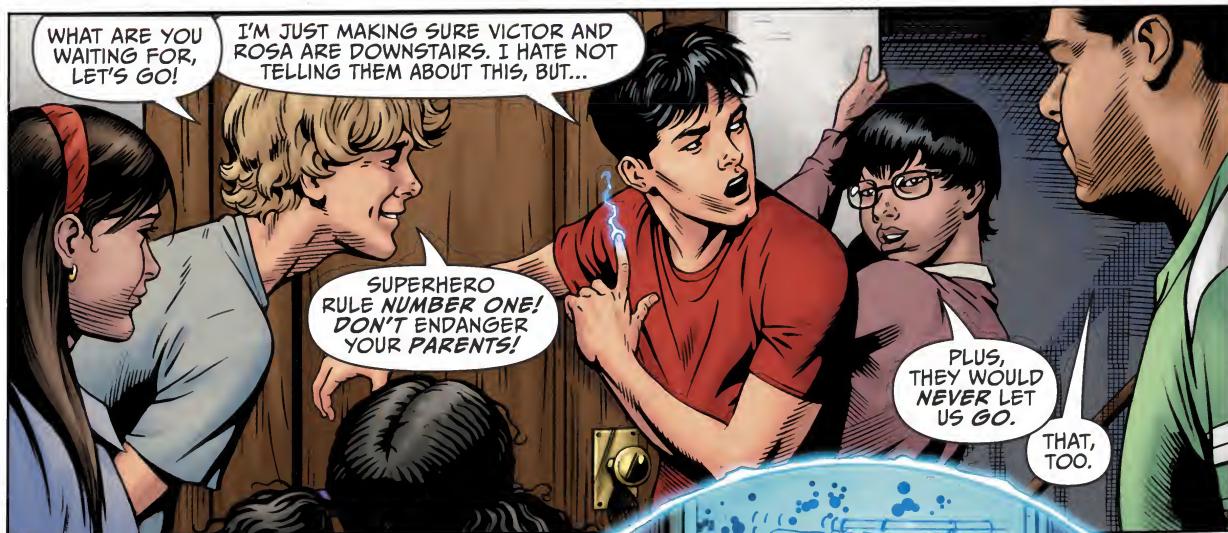
OH MY
GOD!

WE LOVE
LASAGNA!

THAT SURE
LOOKS GOOD,
HONEY.

IT'S BILLY'S FAVORITE.
I THOUGHT WE'D CELEBRATE
HIS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
BEING PART OF THE FAMILY!







ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE BY PHILADELPHIA'S MOST AMAZING SUPERHEROES!



THOUGH I'LL ADMIT OUR TROPHY COLLECTION COULD USE A LITTLE WORK.



DARLA'S MATH TEST DOESN'T EXACTLY QUALIFY, BUT I GUESS IT'S SOMETHING.

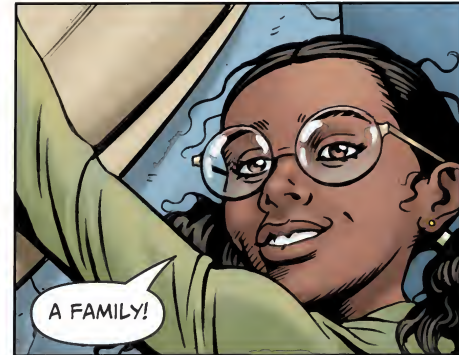


WHO CAME UP WITH THAT?

DARLA, YOU LIKE IT?

YEAH. I GUESS IT'S OFFICIAL.

A NAME?



A FAMILY!



IT IS, DARLA.

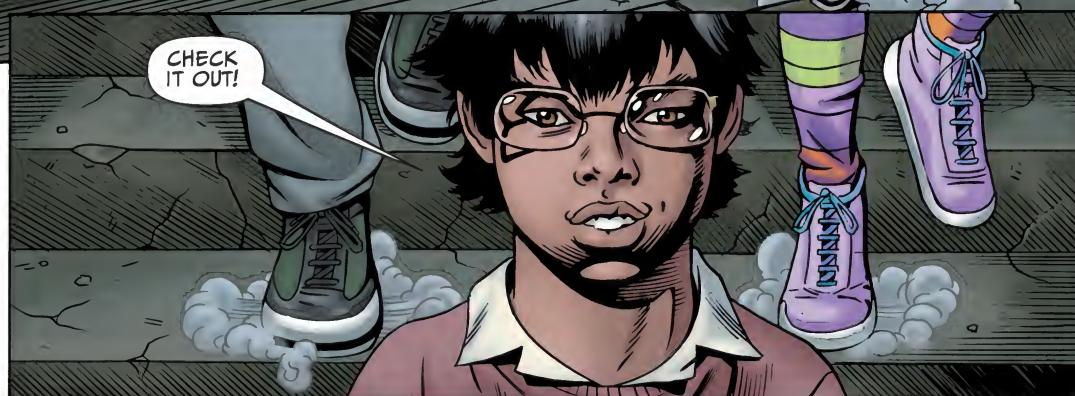
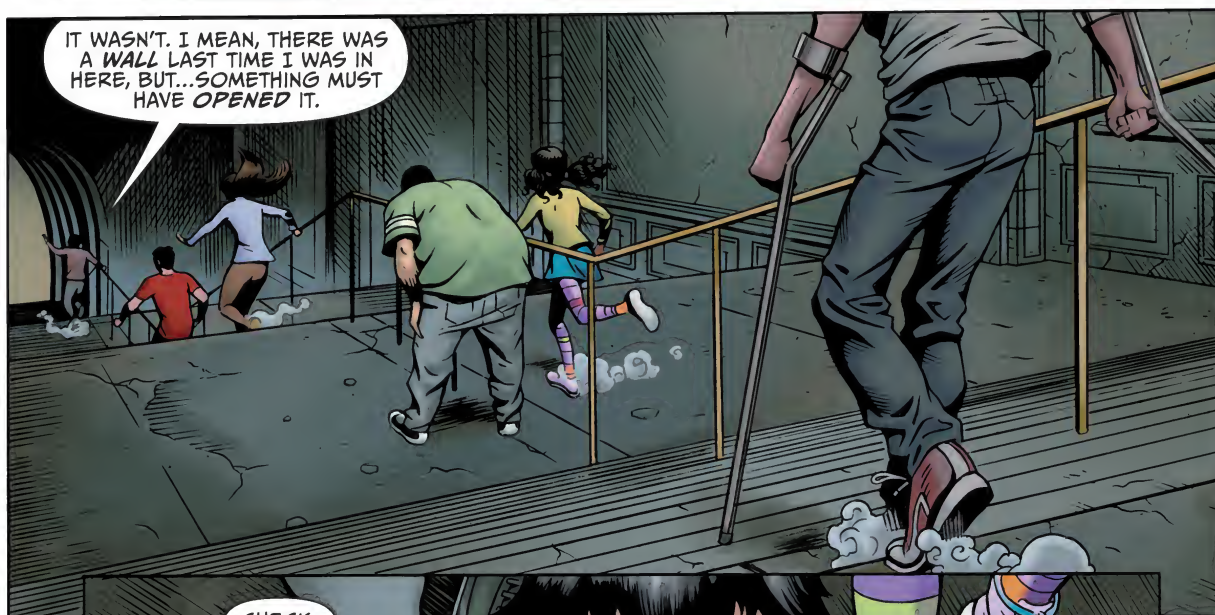
AND I WOULDN'T TRADE YOU GUYS FOR ANYTHING.



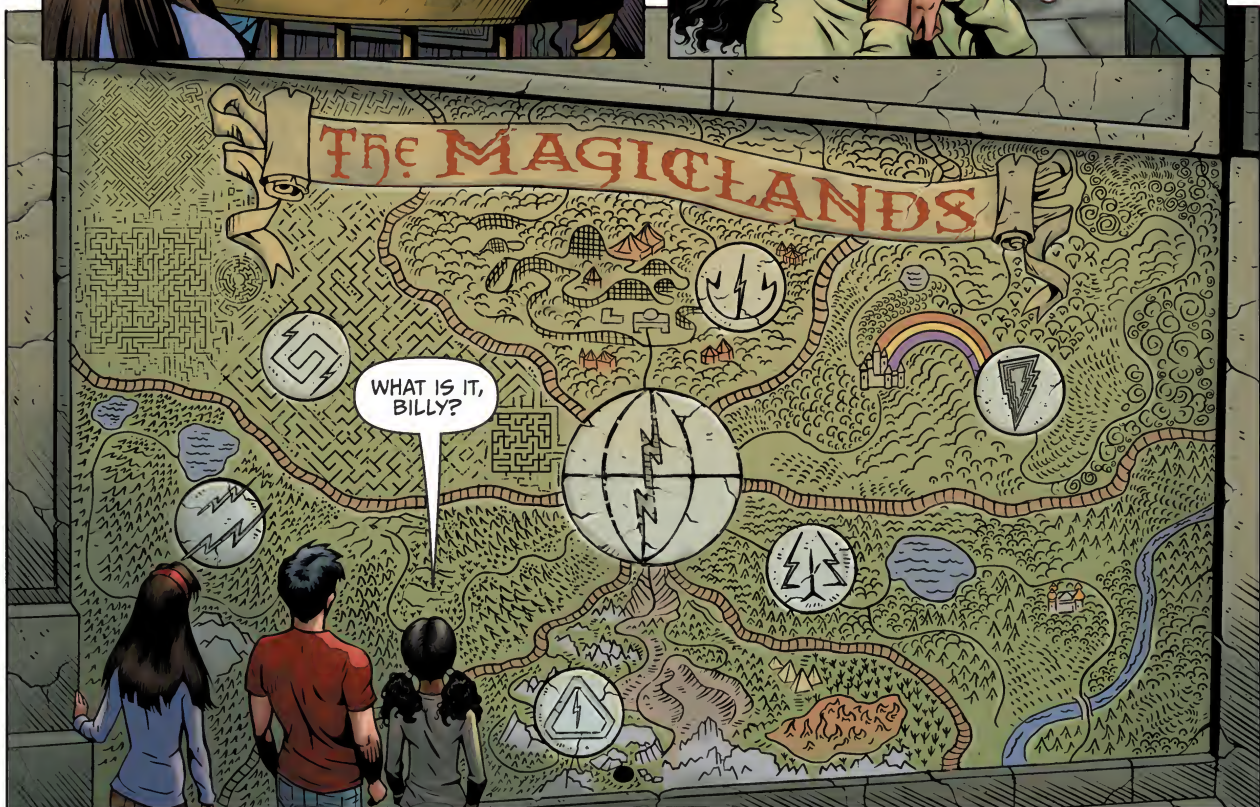
GUYS!

YOU NEED TO COME WITH ME AND SEE WHAT I FOUND.

RIGHT NOW!







"I DON'T
KNOW."

WELL, I SPOKE
TOO SOON.

AT
LEAST THEY
TRIED.

SO THEY DIDN'T
RINSE THE DISHES
AND IT BROKE THE
DISHWASHER.



SOMEONE'S
AT THE DOOR,
VICTOR!

YOU'RE NOT
GETTING OUT
OF THE DISHES
THAT EASY!



IT SAYS RIGHT
THERE...THE
MAGICLANDS.

WHAT IS ALL OF
THIS, BILLY?

HEY,
GUYS!



LOOK AT THIS!
NO WONDER
THERE AREN'T
ANY LIGHTS
ON.

COME ON,
HELP ME,
PEDRO!



WAIT!
WE DON'T
KNOW WHAT
THAT'S GOING
TO DO!



MAGIC...
ON!



MR.
AND MRS.
VASQUEZ?



NEXT: *Welcome to...* **The FUNLANDS!**

MARY

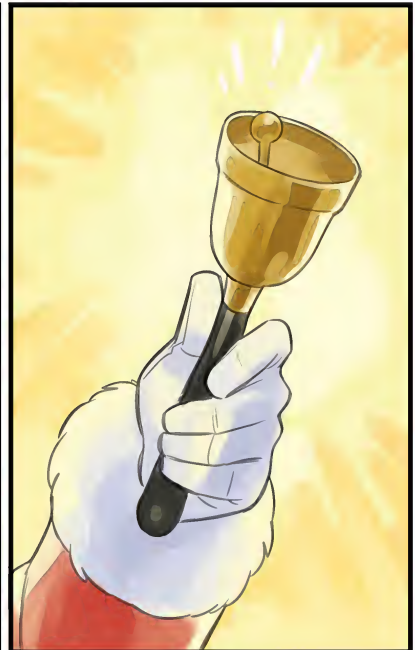
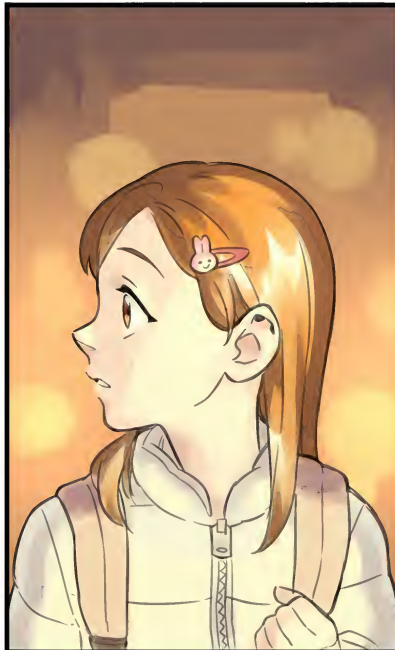
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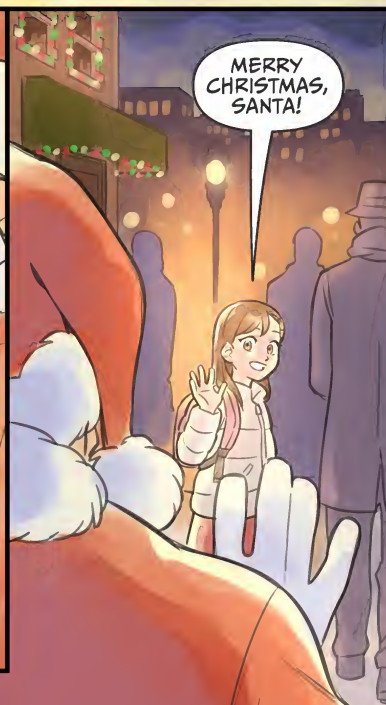
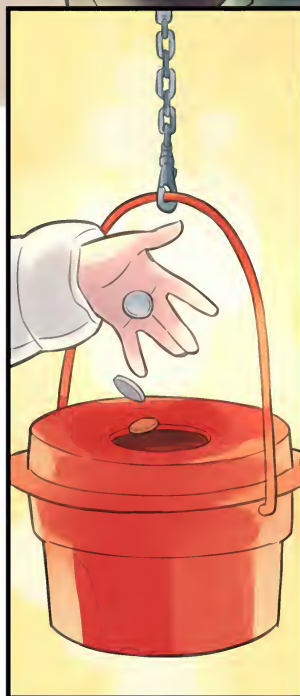
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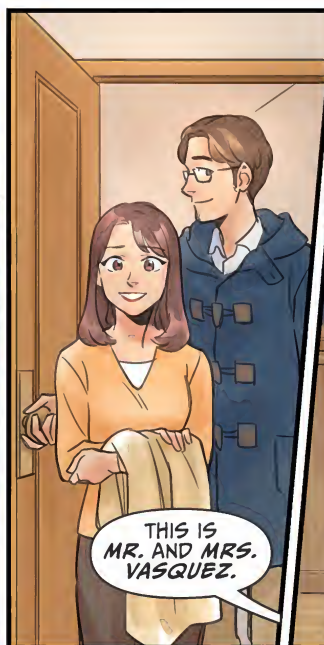


THAT'S HER.
POOR THING.



DON'T
WORRY,
PAL.

WE'LL MAKE
SURE SHE GETS
SOMEWHERE
SAFE.



THIS IS
MR. AND MRS.
VASQUEZ.

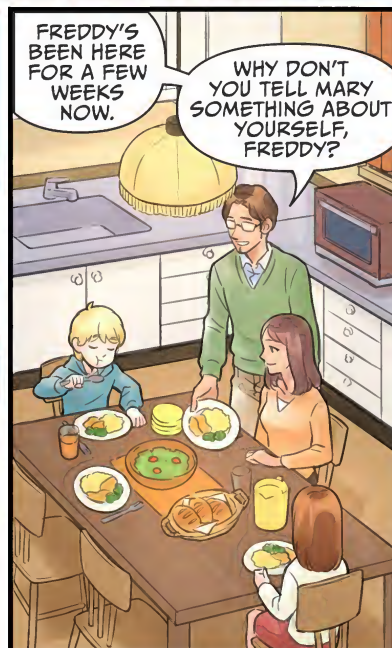
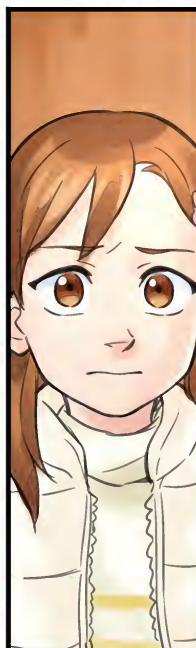
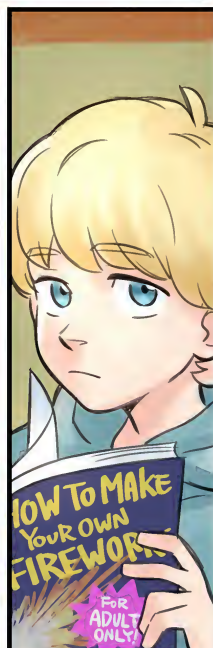


WELL...
SAY HELLO,
CHILD.



FREDDY?

THIS IS
MARY.



FREDDY'S
BEEN HERE
FOR A FEW
WEEKS
NOW.

WHY DON'T
YOU TELL MARY
SOMETHING ABOUT
YOURSELF,
FREDDY?

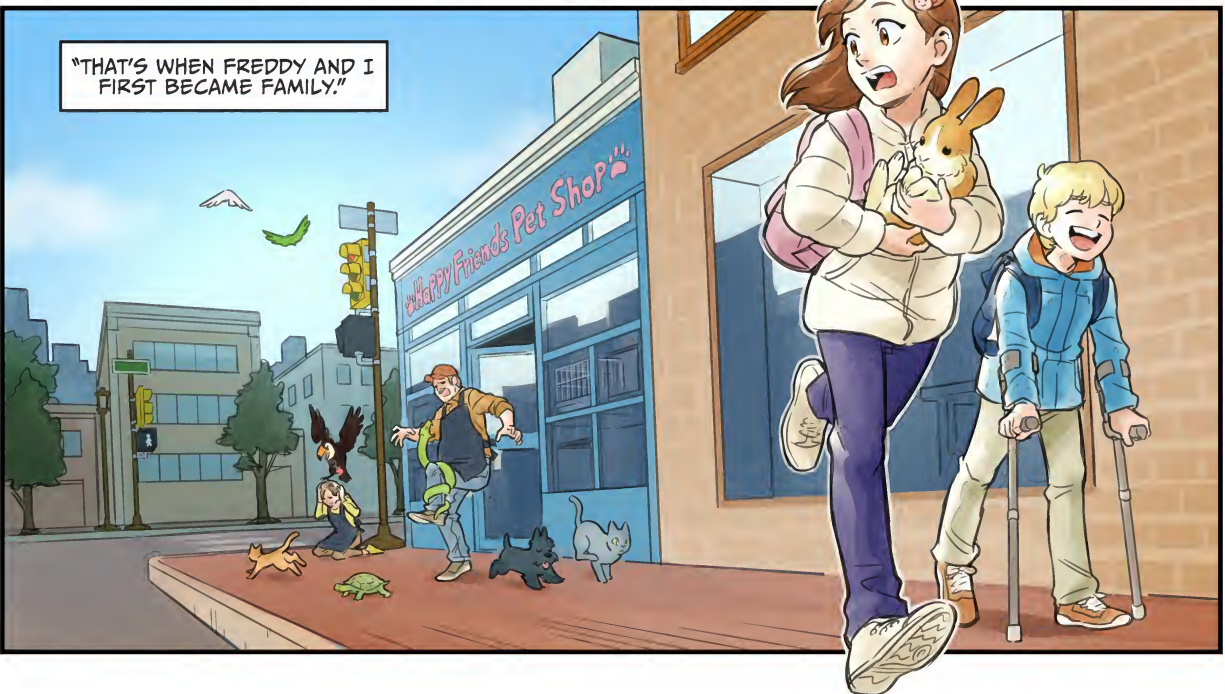
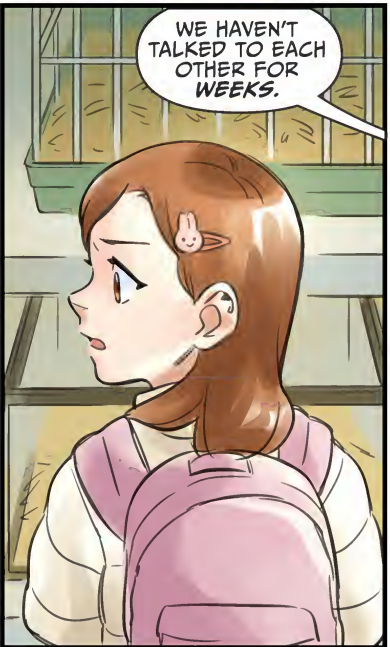
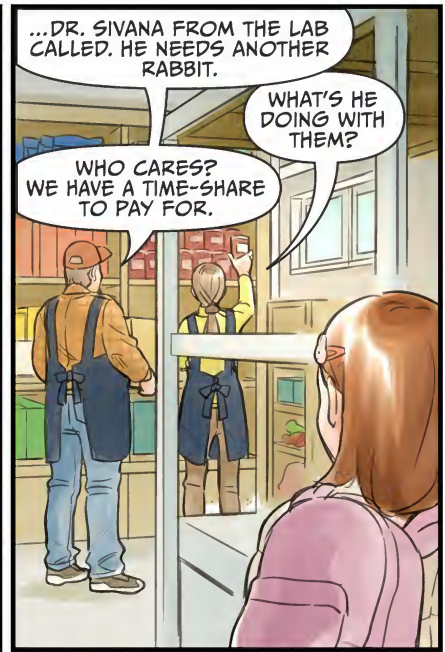
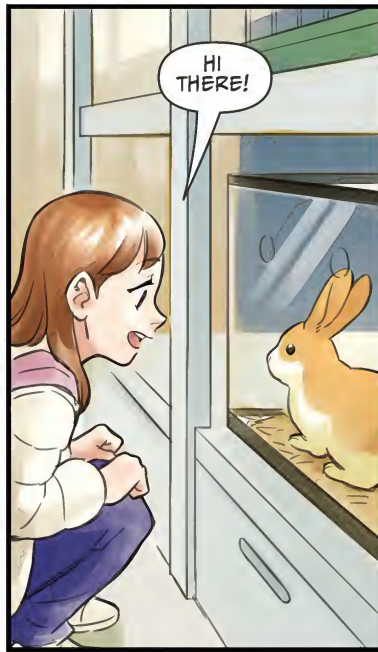
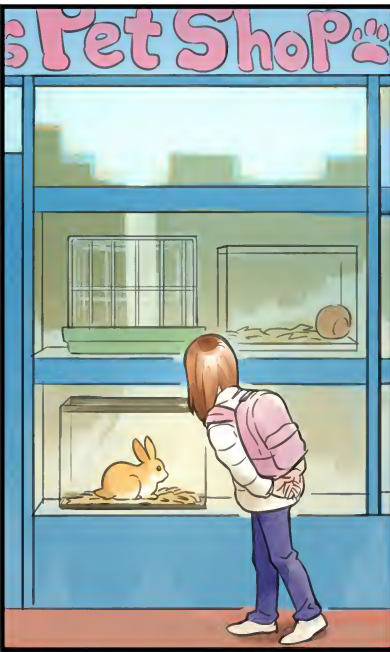


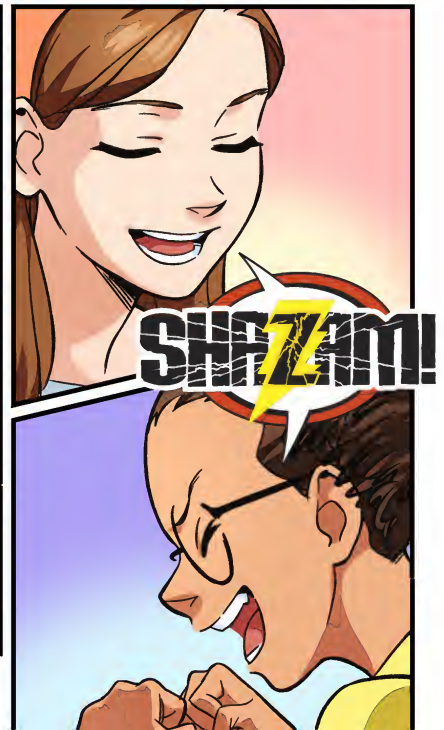
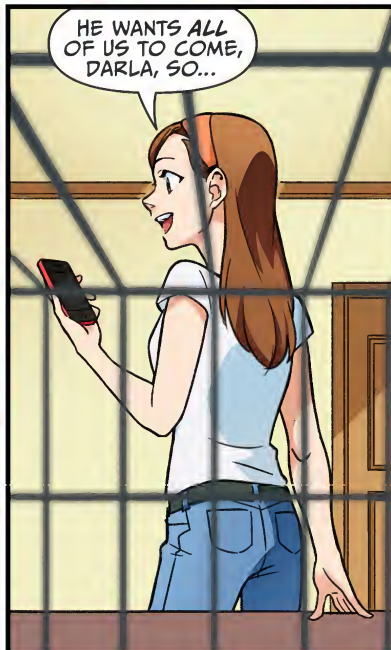
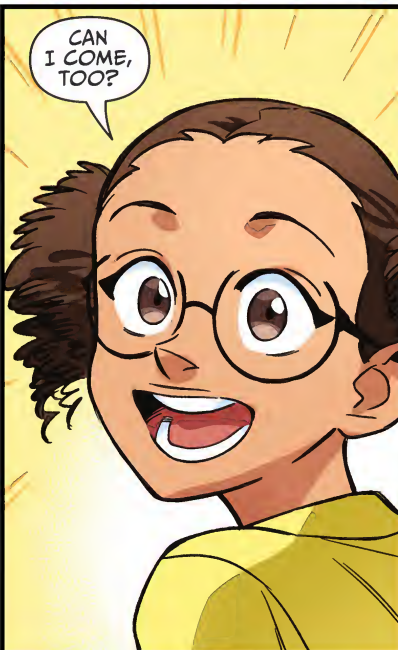
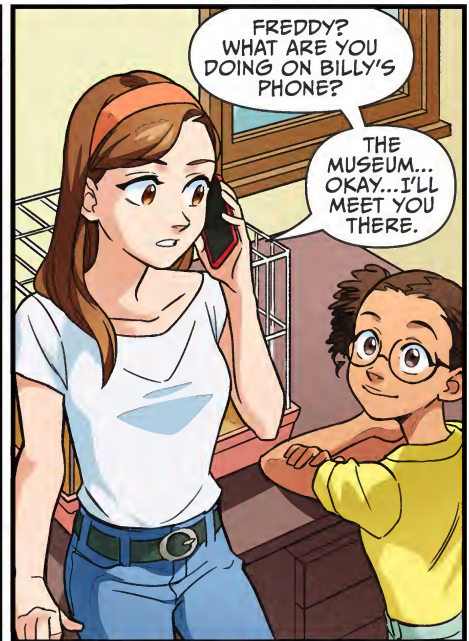
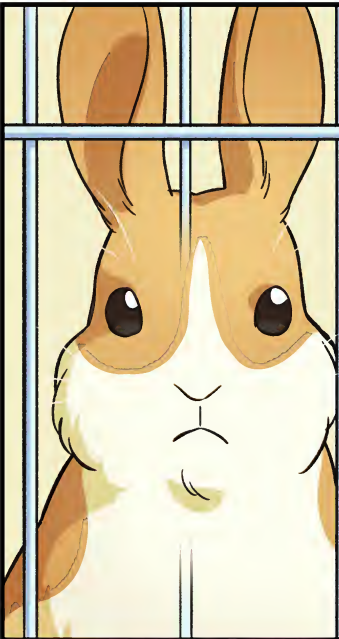
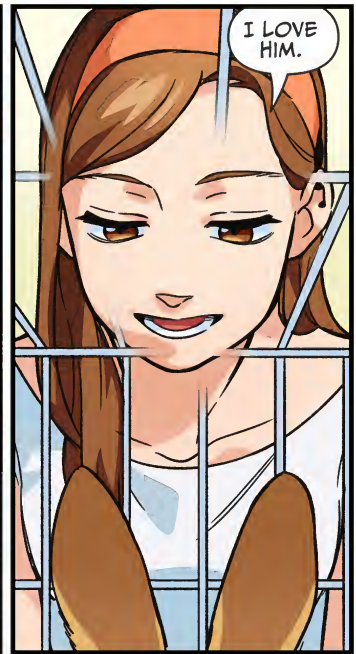
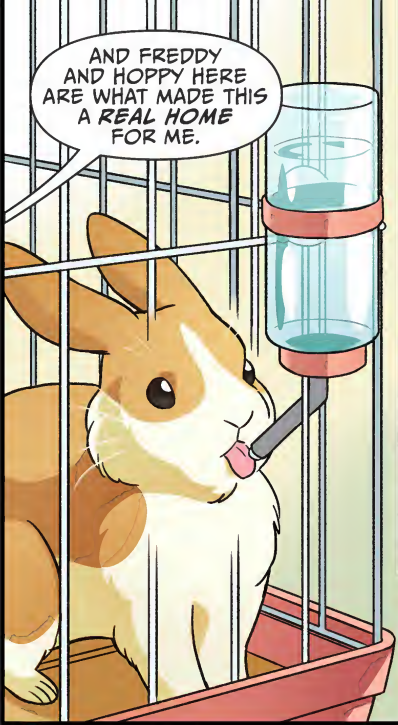
MY
PARENTS ARE
IN PRISON.



MINE
SHOULD
BE.









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The League has to fix the Source Wall or the Multiverse will collapse!

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HARD TIME

ARKHAM ASYLUM VS. THE PHANTOM ZONE:

Comparing DC's top two iconic super-prisons

Sure, being a super-villain sounds great. But if you get busted in the DC Universe, you could end up in Arkham Asylum—much like Slade Wilson, who is none too thrilled about the institution's amenities in *DEATHSTROKE*: ARKHAM. But how does Arkham compare to the DCU's other main repository of super-villainy, the Phantom Zone?

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

So which super-prison has the preferable real estate? The Phantom Zone is a timeless limbo reality wedged between dimensions. Arkham Asylum is located in Gotham City—a town known for mass riots, interactive riddles and secret rooftop meetings between the cops and an emo Bat-clique.

WINNER: ARKHAM ASYLUM (*Gotham is a party!*)

NAME GAME

No denying "Arkham Asylum" evokes a creepy-cool, evil atmosphere, but "Phantom Zone" rhymes with calzone, which are delicious.

WINNER: PHANTOM ZONE (*We're writing this before lunch.*)

THE BOSS MAN

Who runs the joint? With Arkham Asylum, you've got Jeremiah Arkham, the head doc with a hobby of torturing inmates. Superman runs the Phantom Zone, and the superhero is so nice he gave his dog a cape.

WINNER: PHANTOM ZONE

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

Which facility offers more interesting cellmates? Countless alien life-forms pulled from across time and space populate the Phantom Zone. Arkham houses a talking crocodile and a clown with impeccable fashion sense.

WINNER: Kind of a toss-up, but we're going with **ARKHAM**. They've got The Joker.

Even when he's gassing you with fish, who doesn't love The Joker?

DOLLAR MENU

The Phantom Zone is a realm of eternal ghosts wracked with hunger yet lacking the substance to eat. Arkham Asylum is a hospital, so, you know...hospital food.

WINNER: THE PHANTOM ZONE

THE FINAL SCORE

THE PHANTOM ZONE, 3-2. Buuuut this was a "which is worst" contest, so maybe Arkham is the real winner here? It's the best worst...?

Whatever. Make your own choice!

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ARKHAM ASYLUM IN
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